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VIA HAND DELIVERY

David Waddell, Executive Secretary  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
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Re: *Petition for an Investigation and/or Show Cause Order to Determine Just and Reasonableness of Rates Charged by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.*  
Docket No. 98-00021

Dear Mr. Waddell:

As you know, the TRA's Preliminary Conference Agenda for June 2 includes two items regarding this proceeding: (1) consideration of the petition for intervention filed by the Consumer Advocate Division ("CAD") and (2) oral argument. Yesterday, BellSouth received service copies of two new filings by the CAD in this case. BellSouth requests the opportunity to respond to the CAD's filings in writing and to reschedule the oral argument to a later date.

As you know, BellSouth's counsel has been participating in the 271 hearing this week. In addition, BellSouth is preparing a reply brief in the Brooks Fiber proceeding which is due today and proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law in the Universal Service proceeding, which is due tomorrow. Additionally, BellSouth's counsel in this proceeding, Mr. Ross, has a personal scheduling conflict on June 2.

BellSouth respectfully requests that it be allowed until Friday, June 5, to respond in writing to the CAD's May 27 filings and that oral argument be rescheduled as soon as practicable thereafter. This will allow the TRA to have the benefit of the parties' filings in this important proceeding prior to oral argument.

Very truly yours,

Guy M. Hicks

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Enclosure

cc: Bennett Ross  
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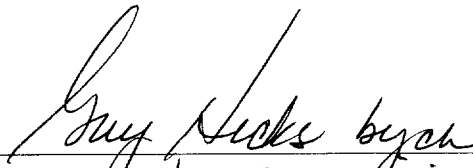
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